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Letter dated 26 June 1991 from the Permanent Representative of
Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government and with reference to the letter addressed to you by the Permanent Representative of Iran (S/22706), I have the honour to inform you that the Iranian Government has sought to take advantage of the situation created by the coalition forces' aggression against Iraq to once again interfere in Iraq's internal affairs, so as to carry out its expansionist plans and put into effect its slogans calling for the export of the revolution. To that end, Iran has repeatedly violated the provisions of the cease-fire between the two countries, has directly supported troublemakers and saboteurs inside Iraq, has mounted infiltration operations into Iraq, has disseminated false reports about the internal situation in Iraq, has summarily executed Iraqi soldiers inside Iraq even though they had their hands tied, and has brainwashed Iraqi prisoners detained in Iran and then sent them back to Iraq to conduct sabotage operations, all of this in contravention of the Third Geneva Convention of 1949 and in contradiction to its own statements of acceptance of Iraq's peace initiatives aimed at settling the conflict between the two countries in accordance with Security Council resolution 598 (1987) and under United Nations auspices.

In the notes it has sent to the Security Council (S/22364, S/22371, S/22439, S/22451, S/22465, S/22502, S/22547, S/22555, S/22583 and S/22699), Iraq has demonstrated incontrovertibly, with evidence to support its claim, that the Iranian Government is implicated in sabotage operations against certain governorates in southern Iraq.

The Government of my country is convinced that the lies put about by Iran's leaders will no longer deceive anyone. In fact, the Iranian Government is, as usual, trying to cover up its repeated violations of the cease-fire and its blatant interference in Iraq's internal affairs by spreading totally false information intended to conceal actions which contradict its claims to observe good-neighbourly relations and United Nations principles.

The Iraqi Government simply reiterates that, contrary to the allegations of the Iranian Government and its alleged concern for the safety of Iraqi citizens, the inhabitants of the cities and governorates where law and order

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have been established have absolutely no reason to fear for their lives, their property or their legal rights. The Iranian Government would do better to mind its own business and the interests of its own population, instead of meddling in other countries' internal affairs.

Iran has already tried out its policy of exporting the revolution, with tragic results throughout the region, and the Iraqi people are quite capable of defending both themselves and the borders, sovereignty and dignity of their country, Iraq.

The Republic of Iraq warns the Iranian Government against any return to its earlier, totally unsuccessful practices, namely its policy of interfering in Iraq's internal affairs under cover of idle pretexts and pseudo-Islamic slogans.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

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